

HB 1566 -- TIE VOTES IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS FOR COUNTY OFFICES

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In the event that there is a tie vote between two candidates in a primary election for a county office and the candidates do not agree upon a settlement to determine a winner for the primary election, this bill allows each candidate to place his or her name on the general election ballot without a political party designation.

The provisions of the bill will apply only in the case of an uncontested general election in which the candidates who tie in a primary election are the only candidates eligible to run for the county office in the general election because all other candidates have not met the filing requirements for the office.

If a general election is contested as a result of these provisions, any tie vote in a political party primary must be resolved under Section 115.515, RSMo, prior to the general election.